Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—I didn't have any reply to my question.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—That is the trouble, that they have to repeat.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—Yes. Repeat, repeat and repeat.

Kudiyiruppu and Verumpattom Tenants Bill—circulation of—particulars regarding.

7. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of persons to whom the Kudiyiruppu and Verumpattom Tenants Bill was circulated for opinion;

(b) how many of the persons in (a) are Verumpattom tenants and how many are jenmies;

(c) how many of the persons in (a) have sent up their opinion;

(d) has any one other than those whose opinions have been printed and circulated amongst Members of Council sent up their opinion; if so, who are they?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) 90 individuals and 6 public bodies.

(b) The information is not available.

(c) 8.

(d) Yes; Mr. P. I. Ravi Kaimal, B. A., B. L., Vakil, Trichur.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—With regard to sub-section (b) the answer is that the information is not available as to whom the bill was circulated. May I know whether the Government have got a list of individuals to whom the bill was sent up?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Certainly. Government have got a list.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—From the list is it not possible for the Government to tell the House whether all the 90 individuals to whom the Kudiyiruppu

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and Verumpattom Tenants Bill was circulated for opinion are not jenmies?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*— The question has been already answered. The list does not indicate whether the persons are verumpattom tenants or jenmies.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— May I know how they happen to come across these 90 individuals whom the Government is not in a position to say whether they are jenmies or tenants?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*— With the President's leave I wish to say a few words. This bill was introduced by the Hon'ble Member who is now questioning. After it was ordered to be circulated for public opinion the member was requested to give a list of persons to whom it should be sent for opinion. 3 reminders were also sent. No list was forthcoming, so that Government had ultimately to call upon the Diwan Peishkar to give a list of individuals to whom Government can usefully send this bill for opinion. It is out of the list sent up by him that these 90 individuals were selected.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— From the list that is supplied by the Hon'ble Revenue Member, is the Government in a position to say whether the 90 persons to whom the bill has been sent are or are not jenmies?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*— Government have already answered that question. The information is not available and the list does not disclose it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—From the names of 8 persons who have sent replies, is not the Government in a position to say how many of them are jenmies? Likewise is not the Government in a position to say whether all 90 persons are or are not jenmies?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*— Some of them may be jenmies. Many of them might be verumpattomdars. That is all what the Government can say.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Has the Government tried to circulate this particular bill among a large number of verumpattom kudiyans?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*— I have sufficiently answered the question.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—The sufficiency, Sir, is that the Government has shown a tendency to help the vested interests in the land.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Certainly not.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know, Sir, whether the Government have any idea of circulating it among the verumpattom tenants of the State?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Yes. They have done it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Out of the 90, may I know how many are tenants?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—The question has been answered.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Is there at least one verumpattam tenant in the list?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Many.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Are they 10, are they 20, or are they 30?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to disclose the names of 10 or 20 tenants?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—If I am permitted by the President, I want to make an appeal. It has been stated by the Government that to more than 10 tenants of the State the bill has been circulated. Information has not been given whether the 90 persons to whom the bill has been circulated are jenmies or tenants. In the light of the present disclosures will the Government be in a position to say who are the 10 tenants to whom the bill has been sent up?

Report—Devadhar Enquiry.

8. **Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) if any report has been published on the Devadhar's enquiry;

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